Allotment of Flats/Plots in Rohini

3689. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applicants registered in the year 1981 for allotment of plots/ flats under the ROHINI scheme in Delhi left so far;

(b) by when they are likely to be covered for such allotment; and

(c) what is the fate of retiring/retired Government persons, also registered under this scheme in 1981, but not yet covered in any of the draws held so far, and who were to be given priority as announced by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) 1092 registrations were cancelled-withdrawn from a total of 82,384 persons who got registered initially, leaving an effective strength of 81,292. Allotment has since been made in 35,436 cases, leaving a balance of 45,856 regis trations who are likely to be covered in 4-5 years' time. This scheme was meant for allotment of plots only.

(c) Rohini Residential Scheme did not provide for separate registration of retired/ retiring persons. However, in the year 1987-88, DDA invited applications from those registrants, who had retired or were retiring upto 31-12-88. 433 applications were received, out of which 389 were allotted plots in the year 1989. Again in December, 1989 applications were invited from the registrants, who had retired or were retiring by 31-3-1990. 566 registrants applied. These, along with the balance of 44 from the earlier draw (to whom allotments could not be made due to nonavailability of plots under their respective category within the permissible quota of 12% will be included in the next draw, as and when that is held and priority will be given to the 44 balance registrants of the earlier draw.

Commodity Management Board

3690. SFiRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Commodity Management Board for export and import of agricultural commodities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government propose to set up a Commodity Management Board for export and import of agricultural commodities with effective representation of farmers and consumers. The legal status, composition, functions, etc., of the proposed Board are under discussion.

White Paper on Suburban Railways

3691. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas ed to state :

(a) whether Government propose to issue white paper on Suburban Railways in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) Ministry of Railways proposes to issue a Status Paper on Bombay Railway Suburban system.

(b) and (c) The paper is under pre-paration.

Proposal for Double Decker Coaches on Suburban Railways

3692. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas ed to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware of the fact that French National Railways use Double-decker coaches in Suburban of Paris;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to try this experiment on Suburban railways;